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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

All Florida cold-weather records for this late in April are broken by low temperatures over the state. The minimum was 42, with light frost in the country districts.

The house of representatives agreed to all Oregon and Washington appropriations in the river and harbor bill, in the amounts reported by the river and harbor committee.

The senate rejected, 41 to 25, an amendment by Senator Lodge to include a tariff on coal tar dyes in the bill providing for retention of the present tariff of a cent a pound on sugar until 1920.

A civilian military encampment on lines similar to the Plattsburg camp will be held in Fort Terry, N. Y., during July. It is expected that between 500 and 1500 men will be in quarters during that period.

The result either of a murder and suicide or a double suicide, the bodies of Mary Hawn, 18, and G. M. Frazier, 50, were found on a bed in a room in the Grand Hotel at Walla Walla. Both were fully dressed.

Contracts for two steamships, under construction in American yards, were sold in New York at public auction on the floor of the Maritime Exchange, instituting the first ship auction held in the United States.

An attempt was made to assassinate the chief of the military police at Amoy, China. A bomb thrown through a window of his residence damaged the building badly, but no one was injured. The assassin escaped.

Three men were fatally shot and another dangerously wounded in a riot which started at a dance conducted by a carnival company at Buffalo, Okla., one of the latest oil towns to spring up in the Stone Bluff field.

Nine more steamers have been destroyed by German submarines, according to announcements from various British sources. Seven of the vessels were under the British flag, one was Norwegian and the other Spanish.

Official denial is made by J. W. White, inspector of immigration agencies of the Canadian government, that William and Louis Schroeder, of Iowa, had been executed or condemned as spies at Clavet, Saskatchewan, on March 24.

Professor Charles A. Davis, accredited one of the foremost authorities on pest, died in Washington at the age of 55 years. He had been connected with the United States Bureau of Mines for some years and had written numerous scientific articles.

The monthly statement of unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation breaks all records. The orders stood on March 31 at 9,331,001 tons, an increase of 762,035 tons over February 29, when they were 8,568,966 tons, the previous high record.

At a meeting of the relief committee for indigent Jews held in Berlin the president said that 700,000 Jews in the occupied districts of Poland required assistance. Thus far nearly \$2,000,000 has been spent in relief work, which has been made possible largely by help of Jews in America.

Governor Spry, of Utah, issued a call for a conference on control and eradication of the alfalfa weevil, to be held in Salt Lake April 20 and 21. The states of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and Utah are expected to participate in the meeting.

Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, daughter of Michael Kilgallon, millionaire steel magnate of Chicago, and wife of Joseph E. Howard, actor and writer of popular songs, committed suicide by shooting at a hotel in Omaha. An actress acquaintance, who was with her at the time, said Mrs. Howard was temporarily demented.

Washington denies any intention of abandoning the pursuit of Villa.

Many families have been driven from their homes by floods in the Mississippi in Wisconsin.

A Spanish cabinet council has been called to consider the question of the torpedoing of Spanish vessels.

Five cattlegrowers who said they were prosperous and contented protested to the house judiciary sub-committee against the Borland resolution for investigation of the packing industry.

Grant county, Oregon, is preparing to fight spotted fever, one case having been reported in Prineville City. The patient is said to be critically ill. Because of the disease appearing so early it is feared there will be many cases this season.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Gain Shown in Office of Commissioner of Corporations

Salem—With a decrease in expenses of the department amounting to \$3787.99, and an increase in receipts totaling \$7364.38 for the nine months of the current fiscal year ending March 31, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, an exceptional showing from the standpoint of economy is made by Corporation Commissioner Schulderman. Mr. Schulderman filed a comparative report of the work of his office with Governor Withycombe.

The report shows that the gross receipts of the corporation department for July, 1915, to March, 1916, inclusive, were \$116,302.20, while for the corresponding period of the year before the receipts totaled \$108,938.82. "This increase," Commissioner Schulderman advises the governor, "is in spite of the fact that the collection of annual fees from banks was transferred in the interim from the corporation department to the banking department. These bank fees amounted to nearly \$5000 a year."

The department's disbursements for expenses for the July, 1915, to March, 1916, period were \$12,287.44, as compared with \$16,024.83 for the corresponding period of the year before.

Josephine County Gold Mine Property Sold for \$175,000

Grants Pass—The announcement has just been made public that the Black Eagle group of mining claims on Fiddlers creek, in the Kerby district in Josephine county, has been sold to a group of mining men from the state of Washington who will immediately develop and operate the property on an extensive scale.

The purchase price of \$175,000, upon which an initial cash payment of \$30,000 has been made, easily ranks the sale of the Black Eagle as one of the largest mining deals made in this county.

A concentrator of 50 tons capacity will be erected at once, an electric plant for supplying light and power will also be installed, water power being used to generate the current.

The new owners are confident the property will become one of the great producers in the Pacific Northwest. The mine is to be known as the Neil Success.

State Ships Flax Seed.

Salem—In response to a request from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, 358 bushels, or 20,000 pounds, of flaxseed owned by the state was shipped to Eugene.

Under the arrangement made by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and accepted by the State board of control, the chamber has agreed to pay the state for this seed October 1, 1916. The price is \$720.

Checking over the flaxseed on hand at the penitentiary, it is found that the total amount in the bins is 2335 bushels, or 125,160 pounds. This now has a market value of not less than \$2.50 a bushel, although it is being sold to Oregon farmers for \$2 a bushel. On the basis of \$2 a bushel, the seed owned by the state represents an asset of about \$4500.

Water Scale Announced.

Klamath Falls—Notice has been issued by the reclamation service concerning the due dates, etc., of operation and maintenance charges on the Klamath project covering lands in Oregon and California.

It provides that until further notice all lands on the project will be subject to the operation and maintenance charge as becoming due March 1 of the following calendar year, whether irrigated or not, shall be charged with a minimum operation and maintenance charge of \$1, which will entitle the owner to not more than two acre feet of water for each acre. For the first acre foot additional, 20 cents will be charged, and additional acre feet will be furnished at 40 cents each.

Tillamook Has Boom.

Tillamook—Tillamook is undergoing a commercial boom. No less than 20 changes have been made for the better, including new enterprises locating, remodeling store rooms and changes of location. The First National bank is erecting a two-story concrete building at the corner of Second avenue and Second street. C. I. Clough is making plans for a concrete business building on his property, now occupied by the Sanitary Market. Rumor has it that a four-story fireproof building will be erected on Second avenue, also.

State Saves \$1675 on Paper.

Salem—By contracting last December for a carload of paper upon which to print election supplies, the state of Oregon has saved \$1675 over what it would have paid had the purchase been made at present, according to State Printer Lawrence. The carload of paper cost the state \$2350, but, had the purchase been delayed until now the price would have been \$3925, owing to the rapid rise in paper prices since the first of the year.

Old Guard Officers to Head Republican Convention



WARREN G. HARDING.
LAFAYETTE GLEASON • WILLIAM F. STONE.

Sugar on Free List May 1, Unless Houses Reach Agreement

Washington, D. C.—The senate late Wednesday adopted its substitute for the free sugar repeal resolution, extending the present duty of 1 cent a pound on sugar until May 1, 1920. The vote was 40 to 32.

Four Democrats joined the Republicans in voting against the substitute. They favor the flat repeal adopted by the house. A sharp controversy in conference between the two houses is predicted. Anticipating that the house would insist upon its resolution, Senators Lodge, Simmons and Stone were named as the senate conferees.

Unless a conference agreement is reached and approved before May 1 sugar will go on the free list until such time as the repeal or extension of the duty can be made effective.

Most of the tariff discussion did not touch on the sugar issue, which had been discussed previously, but was devoted to an amendment by Senator Works of California, to increase the tariff on lemons and other citrus fruits to 1 cent a pound. This was defeated by a vote of 44 to 29, Senator Phelan, of California, being the only Democrat to support it.

Senator Phelan declared seven counties in California comprised the whole lemon producing region in the United States and that the reduction of the duty on lemons had caused a loss of \$800,000 in revenue.

Senator Vanderman opposed the Works amendment and said, while he would vote for the senate substitute sugar resolution, he would not give his assent to the house measure.

"I would not vote to tax any of the necessities of life for battleships that are not needed," he said. "I have very little sympathy for the preparedness program that seems to be agreed upon, but if I had, I would not be willing to pay for it with a tax on sugar, but would raise the money with a greater income tax, an inheritance tax and a much greater tax on the luxuries of life."

Senator Underwood defined the competitive tariff as a tax allowing reasonable competition and raising a reasonable amount of revenue. "I believe it is wrong to tax a dollar out of the pockets of one citizen into the pockets of another," he said. "Our tariff has succeeded in producing revenue and in reducing the tariff wall. If there have been mistakes made on some points, they have been mistakes of the head, and not of the heart."

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Death Report Believed Ruse

Mexico City—Francisco Villa has left the main body of his command and is hiding, almost unattended, in the Sierra mountains of Chihuahua, according to information given out by the War department Wednesday.

The latest of his retreating forces passed through the town of Cuahuirachic, Chihuahua, in their flight toward the mountains. They were closely pursued by forces of the de facto government, who hope to capture the bands and locate their leader.

Rumors from several sources that Villa had died of blood poisoning and press dispatches from Queretaro telling of an announcement by the de facto government's war department that it had reason to believe the bandit chief had been killed in action were the occasion of much discussion here.

In some quarters there was a disposition to credit the reports, but they were without official confirmation and both army officials and State department officials suggested that they had probably been put out by Villa's friends as a ruse.

Streetcar Knocked Off Trestle. Seattle, Wash.—Twenty-five persons on an outbound Alki Point streetcar were thrown headlong through windows or buried in mud and debris Wednesday night when the car was struck by an O. W. R. & N. Co. freight train at Spokane and Whatcombs avenues. One passenger was killed and all the others more or less injured. The motor man says that the freight train, backing up without a rear light, struck the car amidships. It rolled over once and then slid off the edge of the trestle into the tidewater.

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BANDITS ON WAY TO JOIN PANCHE VILLA

General Salazar, Huerta Leader, Plans Campaign on U. S.

PERSHING'S TROOPS EQUIPPED ANEW

Clothing Worth \$100,000 Now On Way to Front, Also Mexican Gold to Pay Off Soldiers.

El Paso—General Ynes Salazar, one of the best known of the former Huerta generals, who has been living here, was reported Sunday night to have crossed the border with the announced intention of taking up arms against the United States.

The information was given to the police by a man who was closely associated with Salazar and was accepted by them as true, after investigation.

Torreon, Mex.—Canuto Reyes, at the head of a considerable number of bandits, passed the Durango railroad Sunday near Piedras, going north. It is supposed that his object is to join Villa, who, according to latest reports, is somewhere midway between Torreon and Parral.

A large number of bandits are reported by arrivals from the north to be operating in the Sierra Mojada. The Sierra Mojada is 120 miles north of Torreon and an equal distance west of Parral. It is one of the wildest and most desolate spots in Mexico. There is a good deal of speculation here as to the possibility that Villa and Canuto Reyes are planning to concentrate their forces in this sierra.

If they do, any troops coming from the direction of Parral would have to cross the terrible Mapiñ desert, a burning waste stretching 100 miles north and south and from 50 to 60 miles broad. It is a spot that is dreaded by Mexicans and shunned by foreigners.

Columbus, N. M.—American troops in the field will soon be equipped with new clothing to replace that torn into shreds in the strain of the campaign. A consignment of shoes, hats, uniforms, sweaters and other wearing apparel, valued at \$100,000, was forwarded south along the American line of communication Sunday. With the clothing went a shipment of approximately a quarter of a million dollars in Mexican gold and silver coin to be used in paying the wages of the soldiers.

Newly-Discovered Serum Is Used Successfully in Drowning Cases

Baltimore, Md.—Physicians at the Johns Hopkins hospital invented some time ago a device to restore to life those apparently dead from drowning. It proved successful on animals that could be put under treatment immediately after the accident.

With the idea of restoring life some time after the accident, physicians began to search for a desired serum.

However, in most of the cases there have been after effects, such as high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries.

According to the physicians, if the serum can be injected into the person even several hours after the accident, it will restore life. In one case on an animal the serum was injected four hours after "drowning," and the animal was brought back to life, although it died later from high blood pressure.

Peace Advocate Mobbed.

London—An attempt to hold a non-consecration and peace meeting in Trafalgar Square Sunday was broken up by thousands of persons, who charged the procession and tore up the banners and flags. Various peace societies had organized the demonstration. Sylvia Bankhurst was prominent among the leaders. The procession had dispersed the Nelson column and endeavored to make speeches, but the crowd pelted them with flour. The speakers faced the ordeal for five minutes and retreated.

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SENATE VOTE ON PREPAREDNESS BILL IS PROMISED APRIL 18

Washington, D. C.—With the final vote on the army organization bill assured in the senate on April 18, there still is much speculation as to the probable final form in which the first of the great national preparedness measures will go to the joint conference committee of the senate and the house. The senate agreed Monday to devote to the army bill all its sessions between now and April 18, with the exception of next Monday and Tuesday, which were reserved for discussion of the free sugar repeal bill. The agreement contemplates final disposition of the army bill before adjournment, April 18.

Some senators believe that a considerable increase will be made by the senate over the committee's proposal to fix the peace strength of the standing army at 180,000 enlisted men. Both Republican and Democratic members have declared on the floor they would support amendments for a

WILBUR J. CARR



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greater figure, some advocating as large a force as 300,000. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, originally proposed a peace strength of 220,000.

During the week of discussion on the bill there has been nothing to indicate the position of the majority of senators. It has been noticeable, however, that there have been no proposals to reduce the committee's figures. The bill passed by the house provides for a peace strength of 140,000 and the struggle to come in the conference committee is expected to be sharply outlined.

Business Boom Reaches Retailers.

Chicago—As spring approaches and the period for more active outdoor operations it at hand, the business situation is being featured by an intensity of activity exceeding even that of the boom months just past.

The effects of full employment and rising wages are seen in the excellent reports on the retail trade which come from all sections of the country. There is a large distribution of merchandise and retailers, instead of buying for immediate wants only, are endeavoring to stock up for some time to come. This always is the case when the turn has been completely made, and the effect is to overwhelm jobbers and wholesalers and stimulate prices unduly.

Militia Lobby Is Denied.

Washington, D. C.—A denial that the National Guard had maintained a lobby in connection with preparedness legislation, as charged in the senate by Chairman Chamberlain, and others, was made in a letter to Senator Lee, by General J. C. R. Foster, chairman of the executive committee of the National Guard association, for incorporation in the senate record. General Foster declared that the association had not sought interviews with congressmen, circulated literature or maintained headquarters for lobbying.

Smoot Hits Garbage Can.

Washington, D. C.—"The American garbage can is the fattest in the world," declared Senator Smoot to the Senate Saturday, injecting into the discussion on preparedness a plea for preparedness for good housekeeping and better homes.

Senator Smoot urged action on his bill for increased appropriations for home economics, to prepare the girls and mothers of the country for their life duties.

Allies Plan Tariffs.

Paris—It is known that at the conference of the entente allies here on April 20 the continuation of the alliance and its extension to economic and political problems after the war will be considered. Tariffs designed to discriminate against enemy countries, to favor the present allies and to give reasonable encouragement to neutrals are expected.

GERMAN DESPAIRS OF FAVOR IN U. S.

Reichstag Leader Says Exporters Bow to British Trade.

PEACE PROPOSALS STILL ACCEPTABLE

No Hope Entertained, However, of Reply From Allies—Must Fight On for Their Fatherland.

Berlin, via London—Following the speech of historical importance made in the reichstag Friday by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Center party, and Friedrich Ebert, leader of the Socialists, endeavored to expand upon the chancellor's declarations concerning Belgium and the relations between Germany and the United States.

Dr. Spahn said America had shown that her sympathies favored England. Dr. Ebert said neutral rights must be respected conscientiously and that unrestricted use of the torpedo must be opposed "with the utmost sharpness."

Taking up the American question, Dr. Spahn said: "The press, people and the government of America have shown by their conduct that their sympathies and business interests favor England and not Germany. America has become a regular arsenal and base of supplies on a large scale for our enemies."

"The American government has bound itself where we are concerned to the formal letter of the law and has employed regularly a more generous interpretation of the regulations of neutrality only in favor of the states hostile to us. Much has been permitted there which, if done by us, would have been used in America to provoke an outbreak of hatred against us."

Dr. Spahn referred to the prolonged negotiations with the United States in regard to the submarine question, saying in that connection:

"Americans of German descent have indeed endeavored to create a sentiment for our view, unfortunately without success. It is incomprehensible in view of the sound business instinct of Americans, that the interests concerned in legitimate export trade continually bow to British encroachments on maritime rights. The hopes placed in the American congress in this regard have been disappointed."

Herr Ebert said he welcomed the enunciation by the chancellor of a more definite peace program, but declared he had no expectation of any response from the governments at London, Paris and Petrograd, although it was evident the inclination for peace was increasing among the peoples.

"Therefore," he continued, "Germany must continue the war for defense of the fatherland, and the Socialists, who, as representatives of the working classes, would be chief sufferers from the project in the throttling of German trade and industry, must continue to support the government resolutely."

Carranza Denies Giving U. S. Permission to Use Railways

Queretaro, Mex.—The Mexican government has not given the American government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever, said General Candido Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign relations, after a meeting of the Carranza cabinet Saturday.

At the cabinet meeting General Carranza and his advisers discussed the modifications suggested by the United States in the recent proposals for an agreement for crossing the frontier between the United States and Mexico by armed forces of the respective governments.

General Aguilar denied vigorously stories published in the American press to the effect that the Carranza government had given permission to the United States army forces to use Mexican railways for transportation of foodstuffs and supplies.

British Win in South Africa.

London—Another success for the British in East Africa is reported by Lieutenant General Jan C. Smuts, commander of the British expedition operating against the Germans in the following dispatch:

"As the result of a movement begun Monday, mounted troops under General Vanderventer successfully surprised a German force with machine guns stationed in a mountain stronghold in the Arusha region. This force was surrounded Tuesday and surrendered Thursday."

Indians Hold Potlatch.

Pendleton, Or.—The old-time Indians of the Umatilla reservation held a potlatch Saturday. This is a custom almost extinct and amounts to an administration of the personal estate of a dead Indian. When a member of the tribe dies without heirs it is customary for the friends to gather and divide the personal effects. This is made an occasion for feasting and various ceremonies are conducted, but these are seldom held in modern days.